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1. AS LAST ITEM ON HIS AGENDA DOBROSIELSKI RAISED, AS HE TERMED IT, ONLY SERIOUS CURRENT POLITICAL PROBLEM, I.E., PRESIDENT CARTER'S REFERENCES IN BERLIN TO GERMAN REUNIFICATION, WHICH HE ALSO TIED TO DETENTE. DOBROSIELSKI WENT OVER MUCH OF SAME GROUND, BUT IN MUCH LESS DOCTRINAIRE FASION COVERED IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REPORTED WARSAW 6245 AND 6249.

2. HE SAID THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH ME BECAUSE IT SEEMED TO GOP THAT PRESIDENT'S REMARKS REVIVED "GERMANY PROBLEM" WHICH POLISH GOVERNMENT THOUGHT HAD BEEN SETTLED. POLES UNANIMOUSLY REACTED ADVERSELY TO THOUGHT OF REUNIFYING POWERFUL GERMANY ON THEIR WESTERN BORDER. HE ASSUMED THAT UNITED GERMANY ALLIED WITH WARSAW PACT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES (I NODDED) JUST AS REUNITED GERMANY ALLIED TO NATO IS UNACCEPTABLE TO POLAND. EVEN NEUTRAL GERMANY WOULD BRING INTO QUESTION THE STABILITY OF CENTRAL EUROPE AND REINFORCE POLAND'S PRESENT ALLIANCE. HE SAID HE REALIZED THAT PRESIDENT'S
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COMMENT WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BUT ASSUMED PRESIDENT HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR SUCH A QUESTION AND THAT RESPONSE WAS NOT DELIVERED ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT.

3. I REPLIED THAT I HAD READ THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CAREFULLY BUT SAW NO CHANGE IN BASIC AMERICAN POLICY ON THIS ISSUE EXPRESSED AT VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS.

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR DEMOCRATIC STATE LIKE THE UNITED STATES TO FAVOR CONTINUED DIVISION OF A NATION IF THE PEOPLE WHO COMPRISED THAT NATION THEMSELVES WISHED TO BE REUNITED THROUGH DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THIS WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO POLAND OR FOR THAT MATTER, TO KOREA. IN MY OPION THE PRESIDENT HAD STATED A PHILOSOPHICAL PRINCIPLE IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL UNITY BUT HAD MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT GERMAN REUNIFICATION COULD NOT BE IMPOSED BY OTHERS.

4. SZEWCZYK, WHO ACCOMPANIED DOBROSIELSKI, REFERRED TO STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON THAT ANY MOVEMENT TOWARD REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF NEIGHBORING STATES. HE ASKED WHETHERVWHE ABSENCE OF THIS CONDITION DID NOT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN AMERICAN POLICY. I SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY SEEMED, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, TO BE AN ACADEMIC ONE AND I COULD NOT FORESEE IT OCCURRING WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE GIVEN THE ATTITUDES OF THE TWO GERMANIES AND THE DIVISION OF EUROPE INTO TWO ALLIANCE SYSTEMS. REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY, IT SEEMED TO ME, WOULD DEVELOP ONLY IN THE COURSE OF THE EVOLUTION OF INTRA-EUROPEAN POLITICS.

5. I STRESSED THAT THESE WERE MY OWN VIEWS, THAT I HAD NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ISSUE AND THAT, AS DOBROSIELSKI HAD ALREADY REQUESTED, I WOULD SEEK CLARIFICATION.

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6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE POLES FEEL DEEPLY ON THIS SUBJECT, I THINK IT IS INTERESTING THAT THEY HAVE REFRAINED FROM RAISING THE QUESTION OFFICIALLY FOR AS LONG AS THEY HAVE. THEREFORE, I ASSUME THAT, IN PART, IT WAS RAISED FOR THE RECORD. NEVERTHELESS, I SEE NO OBJECTION FROM OUR STANDPOINT TO RESTATING, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, US POLICY CONCERNING THE REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY WHICH I WOULD TRANSMIT ORALLY. I WOULD ALSO WELCOME REPORT OF DEPT'S RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI ON THIS SUBJECT.
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